

Wisconsin Land Information Council

Summary:

This charter creates a Wisconsin Land Information Council attached to the Department of Administration (DOA), which serves in an advisory role to the DOA on matters relating to the Wisconsin Land Information Program.

The Council consists of 12 members appointed by the DOA for three-year terms. Membership on the Council consists of representatives from various sectors that develop or utilize land information records. The state GIO serves as the non-voting Secretary of the Council. The DOA Division of Intergovernmental Relations will provide staff support for council meetings.

Land Information Council:

- (a) *Creation.* There is a Wisconsin Land Information Council which is attached to the Department of Administration by administrative action. The Council shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Department of Administration Secretary for 3-year staggered terms. The state Geographic Information Officer shall serve as the non-voting Secretary of the Council and provide administrative support to the Council.
- (b) *Appointment Process.* Applications for appointment to the council will be collected by the Division Administrator of Intergovernmental Relations. The administrator will forward recommendations to the Department of Administration Secretary for formal appointment. Preference will be given to candidates who are nominated by a trade association.
- (c) *Membership.* The Council shall consist of the following members:
 - 1. Five private sector representatives selected from various geographical regions of the state, consisting of a representative from the realtor industry, a utility industry representative, a land title or financial lending industry representative, a licensed professional land surveyor, and a geospatial professional.
 - 2. Five public sector representatives from county and municipal government selected from various geographical regions of the state, consisting of a land information officer, a county surveyor, a register of deeds, a real property lister, and a public safety or emergency communications representative.
 - 3. A representative of state or federal government active in land information management.
 - 4. The state cartographer.
- (d) *Duties.* The Council shall do all the following:
 - 1. Advise the Department on the administration of the Wisconsin Land Information Program, such as the allocation of grant funds.
 - 2. Recommend project objectives for strategic initiative grants.
 - 3. Annually evaluate the efficacy of projects funded with strategic initiative grants.
 - 4. Assist the department in identifying and obtaining funding to implement statewide land records modernization initiatives.
 - 5. Recommend guidelines to coordinate the modernization of land records.
 - 6. Periodically review and recommend statutory updates to improve land records modernization.